

Bulletin

Commencement.

Correspondence with Govt.



No 2302/01

Resident General's Office  
Selangor, Malay Peninsula  
11<sup>th</sup> May 1901

Dear Sir

Referring to previous Correspondence with Mr. Ridley on the Subject of the Straits and F. M. S. Agricultural Bulletin, I enclose papers regarding a Paracatipilla and Rice Cultivation in Pahang, of which you may be able to make use.

Mr. Carey and the planters here are anxious to subscribe and contribute to the Bulletin if you will set the matter going and I suggest that you draft and send me a sort of prospectus showing the objects and nature and utility of the Bulletin, terms of Subscription, to whom payable etc., etc., and calling for subscribers and contributors. I would then consult with Mr. Carey and complete the prospectus and have a number of copies printed and circulated in the F. M. S.

Interest has now been aroused in the matter and it is great pity to let it drop; but a little action and pushing from your end is required

Yours  
fully  
W. H. Treacher  
Ag. Resident General  
F. M. S.

W. Fox Esq  
Sup. Bot. Gard Forest.  
Singapore



No Rg 2302/01

Resident General's Office  
Selangor Malay Peninsula  
14<sup>th</sup> May 1901

Dear Sir

In continuation of my letter of 11<sup>th</sup> May, I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter on the subject of the Agricultural Bulletin which I addressed to the Chairman, United Planters Association, Selangor, on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant and of his reply dated 10<sup>th</sup>.

(2) From the latter you will perceive that Mr. Carey is taking the matter up with customary energy and that a considerable amount of support will be forthcoming from the Native States Planters.

3. It now, I think, rests with you to take prompt advantage of the attention which is being given to this subject and to finally formulate your wishes and make a start.

4. I venture to suggest that you take an opportunity of interviewing the Honorable Colonial Secretary, Mr. Ridley, in his letter of 16<sup>th</sup> March who is:- "The first step is to secure an Editor to get the Bulletin out. During my absence Mr. Fox is acting for me and could see any notes etc. through the press." By having it printed here (Singapore) it would not be dislocated from the Straits Bulletin, it would be necessary, then to approach the Straits Government in order that the printing might be regularly done."

5. I take it for granted that you will be good enough to act as Editor and if you will give me an idea of the amount of contribution, if any, the Straits Government think the Government of the F. M. S. can rightly be called upon to make. I will take the necessary steps to arrange it.

6. I shall be obliged if you will give instructions for my office to be supplied regularly with a copy of the Bulletin, commencing with the first number of this

To  
W. Fox Esq  
sup. B. Far. & Forest  
Singapore  
Yours mine

Yours faithfully  
Edw. H. Trevelyan  
Resident General



Botanic Gardens  
Singapore  
24<sup>th</sup> May 1901

Sir

I have the honour to enclose here with some correspondence between the As Resident General of the Federated Malay States, the Chairman of the Selangor United Planters Association & myself, relative to a proposal for bringing out a monthly Bulletin on agricultural & allied subjects together with a Proposed Prospectus showing the lines on which the Bulletin will be conducted.

2. With reference to the last paragraph of the Prospectus, which deals with the proposed price of the Bulletin I venture to ask the Government - to take into their favourable consideration the advisability of allowing the Bulletin to be published free at the Government Printing office this would then enable it to be sold at a very nominal cost, the receipts of which would go towards the expense of any illustrations, which it might be found necessary to employ; or for the expense of MS being type written etc.

3. I might add that the Superintendent of the Government Printing office expressed the pleasure it would afford him to do the printing provided he was authorised to employ three or four extra Compositors, which would cost some forty dollars per month.

I have &c

Yd W. Fox

As Director



*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

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all Countrymen to think such a small amount

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 tenth of these is the fact that the

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Get some of the best of the winter.

I have not yet had the opportunity of  
 communicating with you in regard to the  
 report of the committee on the subject of  
 the proposed amendment to the  
 constitution of the State.

In fact its pages will be open to the widest possible extent.



Gardens 5067/01

Colonial Secretariat's Office  
Singapore, 8<sup>th</sup> June 1901

Sir,

With reference suggestion made in correspondence between the Director of Gardens, S. and yourself that a monthly agricultural Bulletin for the S. S. S. should be published under the Editorship of the Director of Gardens, S. I am directed to inform you that the estimated cost of producing such a publication from the Government Printing Office is £600. per annum and the H. C. The O. A. G. propose that half of this sum after deducting proceeds of sale shall be borne by the F. M. S.

2. I am to enquire whether this proposal meets with your approval.

I have to  
Yd L. W. S. Rymond,  
ag. Colonial Secretary  
The Resident General  
Federated Malay States  
Selangor.



# Prospectus for the Agricultural Bulletin of the Straits & Federated Malay States.

Since 1891 a Bulletin dealing with agri. Horticultural and other cognate subjects has been published by the Gardens Department at irregular intervals, up to the time some nine numbers have been published; and of their utility there can be no doubt, in deed so much have they been appreciated by the Planters in the Colony, the Federated Malay States and others, that a desire has been expressed that having regard to the large and increasing number of agriculturists and others taking an interest in agriculture; that the time has now come when something more than the Bulletin mentioned above is required.

It is now proposed to publish a monthly Bulletin, which shall incorporate the old one, and as far as possible enlarge its scope by making it the medium for the exchange & record of Planters' experiences in all that pertains to their interest.

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articles on forestry, hatching, supply, soils, etc etc
- b. Extracts  
Entomological notes. Insects & fungous pests etc
- c. Notes & queries  
Reports of meetings of Planters' Associations
- d. Correspondence  
& their an: Reports. Reports on Ag. Shows in the Colony or Foreign
- e. Market & Trade Reports
- f. Weather reports

As the Bulletin will in the main be for planters; it cannot be too strongly urged that to make it a success, & of real use to them, each one should make it a point of writing something however small each month & thus in a word make it a Planters' Paper for Planters.



*John*  
It is proposed that the Gardens Department shall continue to edit the Bulletin, as they are possibly in the best position for consulting Books of Reference but I would here emphasize strongly, the difference between editing a paper & writing it. It is of the greatest possible importance that a band of contributors be organized, & this I think could best be done in Selangor by the Chairman or Secretary of the United Planters Association who would induce Planters to record their experiences whether of failure or success; collect them & in due course forward ~~it~~ to the Editor in Singapore. It is by this combination only that success can be achieved; as so far as the Gardens Department is concerned no effort shall be spared to make it so.

As regard the financial side of the question that is not of so much moment: The Government being strongly sympathetic and I am authorised to say, that if the Bulletin cannot be issued free, the price at all events will be a very nominal one.

Sd to Fox

Ag Director of Gardens

Sub: pay in advance \$3. p a or 50 single copy  
7<sup>ed</sup> by S. S. Office S. for & to whom all orders  
sh<sup>d</sup> be sent Sub: Commence 15<sup>th</sup> Oct the date  
on which 1<sup>st</sup> W. appear.

Also suggested that Mess (Wright, Wray, Denney  
Arden & C. F. O be asked to contribute



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I incline to think the Editor  
of the Bulletin should be responsible  
for its finances.

Sfd. A. 10. 8. 17. 8.

S. P. 0

For your views

Sfd. A. 10. 8. 17. 8.

S.

I think the grant of \$300-  
p. a. for improving the Bulletin  
should go to the Gardens vote  
under "Other Charges"

The subscriptions proceeds  
of sales of copies & amounts  
realized for advertisements should  
pass thro' the Printing Office  
Revenue account in the same  
way that the Gazette Subscriptions  
are done. Sfd. C. & P. 20. 8.

I agree with the S. P. 0.

Sfd. A. 10. 8. 17. 8.

Let this be done

Sfd. C. & P. 20. 8.

Director of Gardens

S. P. 0

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Sd. W. Fox 22. 8. 01



Copied

No. 1139/1901

Resident General's Office  
Selangor, Malay Peninsula  
8th May 1901

Sir,

Referring to your Honorary Secretary's letter of 18th March last on the subject of the Agricultural Bulletin, I have the honour to enclose for the information of yourself and of the members of your association copy of my letter to Mr. Ridley, dated 14th March last No. 1139/1901 and of his reply, of date 16th of the same month.

2. It is most unfortunate that Mr. Ridley should have proceeded on leave at this juncture but I am sure that his locum tenens will act as Editor during Mr. Ridley's absence.

3. It is not possible for me to approach the Govt. of the Straits Settlements, as suggested by Mr. Ridley, until I am in a position to say definitely what support will be given to the publication by planters & others in the F. M. S., and am furnished with a nominal list of intending subscribers and contributors.

4. I fear that nothing will result unless you can prevail on some energetic member of the planting community to take the matter up thoroughly and put it through. I am aware that your time is too much occupied already to admit of your undertaking the work, and the same applies to me.

From Perak, I understand from the acting Resident, little or no support can be expected.

Mr. Arden's services in the matter will not be available at present and Mr. Dewar is unable to undertake any active part. Mr. Wray is willing to assist but has not much opportunity of keeping in touch with local agricultural matters.

5. I would ask your attention to Mr. Ridley's suggestion "that enough material should



Should be collected to serve for 3 or 4 months before starting.

6. I would also remind you that the proposal is that the Bulletin should be a joint F. M. S. and Straits Settlements publication, printed, illustrated and edited in Singapore.

7. If sufficient encouragement is forthcoming I will suggest to the High Commissioners that the F. M. S. Government should make a moderate annual contribution towards the cost of bringing out the Bulletin.

8. Begging you to accept the expression of my thanks for the assistance you have already rendered me in this matter, and which extends beyond what appears in official correspondence.

I have &c  
Sd/ W. B. Treacher,

Ag. R. G. F. M. S.

To

The Chairman  
United Players Association  
Singapore.



K'lang

Selangor

Straits Settlements

10th May 1901

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your  
Misc 1139/1901 of 8th inst enclosing Copies of Correspondence  
which has passed between Mr. Ridley and yourself.

2. It is certainly most unfortunate that Mr. Ridley  
is about to proceed on long leave just now, but as the  
Bulletin is intended, initially at any rate, to be  
merely an amplification of the existing Straits Bulletin  
Messrs. Smith, Devey, and Arden should be able  
to supply many interesting and most valuable  
contributions, which would not, as I understand  
your meaning, constitute their taking an "active  
part" in the publication.

Mr. Fox would continue to act as Editor,  
arrange the matters to be dealt with, and to quote  
Mr. Ridley, "see it through the press."

3. As regards the support which may be  
looked for from the Planters, you desire "a nominal  
list of intending subscribers and contributors?"  
At present our Hon. Secretary has received promises  
of support from 21 members; he is again writing  
to those from whom he has received no reply, and I  
trust that very members will eventually support  
the Bulletin as a subscriber, providing the price of  
each publication does not exceed \$1-00. We have  
about 90 members on our Roll and to help the Govt.  
to an estimate of what our Financial support is  
likely to amount to, I am prepared personally to  
guarantee that our Association will take at least  
90 Copies of each issue. Any deficit I will make  
good myself, or at any rate I will be responsible



4. The question of providing material is a more difficult one and I am having a circular issued (copy of which I enclose) which I trust will induce the planters to place on record in the columns of the Bulletin any ideas of interest which may attract their attention.

5. I would respectfully point out to you that the present time is a period of great depression amongst our Community, and trust that if the numerical support contributed to this scheme by our profession and our attempts to make the Bulletin an interesting and valuable addition to contemporary agricultural literature meet with your approval that the Govt. will come forward with a grant which will considerably lessen the cost to regular subscribers.

I have to

Yd E. V. Carey  
Chairman U. P. A.

P.S.

I omitted to say that I am quite in accordance with Mr. Ridley's idea that 3 or 4 months material should be collected before starting.

To

The Ag. Resident General, F. H. S.  
Lancos  
Duala Cameroons



Circular

Sir,

The acting Resident General who has taken the keenest interest in the proposed Combined Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States Bulletin, is desirous of knowing what support he is likely to obtain from the Planting Community and thinks that it is an essential feature if success is to be achieved, that some member of our profession should come forward and undertake to receive and attend to all planting contributions and specimens etc. forwarding them on in due course to Mr. Fox who acts for Mr. Ridley during the latter's absence on leave. To facilitate the final decision as to whether or no the enlarged Bulletin be undertaken, I have informed the Resident General, that I will in the mean time act in this capacity, and I will therefore receive and promptly acknowledge all contributions and specimens which may be sent to me.

I would urge upon every member of the United Planters' Association that the support of a planting periodical of this nature amounts almost to a duty, and I pledge myself to do everything in my power to help the scheme on in the way I have indicated as long as it is the wish of the Association that I should do so.

I am &c  
Edw. E. Carey



S. P. O.

H. H. Andrews

For your information

Can you manage the monthly publication of the Bulletin as proposed without interfering with <sup>the</sup> other work of the office? What would be the extra cost to Govt if you have to take on additional Compositors?

Sd and S. H. 100

ACS

I can manage this if I may employ 3 Compositors whose aggregate salaries will be about \$50 a month. Sd Cost 4.60

If this is to be done the F. D. S. should contribute  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the proceeds of sale of copies should go to defray the cost of printing. Sd and S. H. 46

Y. E.

I think this would be a useful publication.

The cost will be \$600. a year for increase to Staff of Printing Office. Ask R. G. if F. D. S. will pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  but Fox will edit the monthly Bulletin.

Sd CWK 5.6.07

Yes but I see absolutely no reason to issue this bulletin free - people will value it a great deal more if they have to pay for it. Why not charge 25 cts

Sd. F. A. S.



Gardens 50

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Director of Gardens  
J. J.

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24. 5. 01

Publication of a monthly Agricultural  
Bulletin for the S. S. F. R. S.

Forward & Correspondence regarding

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

The M.S. of the last Bulletin was sent to the S.P.O.  
on 14.1.01 (Gardens 494) & has not yet been returned.

S.P.O. What became of this M.S.?  
Sd A. J. 25.5.01

a.c.f.

I have already reported on another paper  
that the instructions from C.O. are that this work  
was to be taken up this month. The work has been  
commenced.

Sd Col

Mr. Fox has just written to me about this  
He intends dividing it into parts Sd Col 17

Director of Gardens

Has this been arranged to your  
satisfaction? Sd A. J. 30.5.01

Hon Col Sec

Yes. Sd W. Fox 1.6.01

on What paper was the authority given

Sd A. J. 1.6.01





RESIDENT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
SELANGOR, MALAY PENINSULA.

*No* Misc. 2392/1901.

30 May, 189 1901.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 2302 of the 14th instant, I have now the honour to enclose copy of a letter just received from Mr. E.V. Carey informing me that he has decided to resign the Chairmanship of the United Planters' Association, F.M.S.

2. You will see that Mr. Carey has withdrawn his letter, copy of which I forwarded to you in my letter above quoted.

3. On appointment of Mr. Carey's successor a further communication will be addressed to you as to the Agricultural Bulletin, but in the meantime I shall be glad to see the draft prospectus you have undertaken to draw up, and to learn the result of your proposed interview with the Hon'ble Colonial Secretary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Acting Resident-General,  
Federated Malay States.

W. FOX. ESQUIRE,

SUPT: BOTANICAL GARDENS & FORESTS,  
S I N G A P O R E.



K L A N G,

Selangor,

Federated Malay States,

14th May, 1901.

THE ACTING RESIDENT-GENERAL, F.M.S.

C A R C O S A, Kuala Lumpur.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of 10th instant, I have with great regret to inform you that I have, for various reasons, decided to resign the Chairmanship of the United Planters' Association at our next meeting towards the end of the month.

2. I will ask you therefore to allow the question of the Agricultural Bulletin to stand over until my successor has been appointed at that meeting, and meantime I have advised our Hony. Secretary that the letter referred to has been withdrawn.

3. Expressing my great regret if my action has caused you any inconvenience,

I have, etc.,

Sd/- E.V.Carey.

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No:3060/I90I

Resident Generals Office  
Selangore, Malay Peninsula

Ist: June I90I

Sir,

Referring to the Agricultural Bulletin Prospectus, forwarded under cover of your letter Gardens 5067 of 14th: June current. I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to inform me whether the Prospectus, as it stands has been finally approved by the Colonial Government, because if it has been finally approved, I will cause it to be Gazetted in the F. M. S. Gazettes and copies distributed. If it has not been finally approved, I would beg to be allowed to offer some suggestions after consulting one or two of the Planters here who would take it as a compliment and be encouraged to contribute to and support the publication. I venture to think also that it would be diplomatic to ask, in the prospectus, for the assistance, in respect of contributions of Mr: I. Wray, the Curator, Perak, of Mr: Derry the suptd: of Govt: Gardens Perak, of Mr: Arden, the Federal suptd: of Experimental Plantations Selangore and of Mr: Curtis of Penang.

2. It would moreover help to expedite matters and put them on a sound basis if Mr: Fox, to whom we in the states are much indebted, could fix the rate of subscriptions

I suggest \$6 a year and the date from which subscriptions should commence.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Sd: W. H. Treacher

Ad: R.G.F.M. States

To  
The  
Hon: Colonial Secretary

Singapore



From whom

R. G.

Place

F. M. S.

Date

18. 6. 01

## Proposed Agricultural Bulletin

Suggests certain additions to proposed prospectus for  
and asks that rate of subscription may be fixed

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

S. P. O.

Please return the pps  
Sd and P

A. C. S.

Herewith. I have not yet received the  
Copy for first number. I have written & asked  
Mr. Fox to call in here when next in town to  
settle about the issue of the Bulletin.

Sd C. O. P. 20/6. 01

S.

The prospectus has not been formally  
approved. do you agree with R. G.'s sugges-  
to refer it to the Planters?

Sd and P 20/6/01

Y. E.

I agree with R. G. adopt his suggestion

Sd C. O. P. 20/6/01

S.

I agree, my only doubt is whether \$6 a  
is not too much. I am in favour of \$3 and let  
one take it

Sd F. M. S.



2nd act

Dr. reply to R. G.

S/d ams 24/801

A.

Letter for Legu

S/d ams

Director of Gardens

For your information

S/d W. S. Forst.

Hon C. S.

25.6.01

Noted

2. If I am allowed to go up to  
the 2nd S as requested by the  
R. G. I should be able to consult  
with him and fix the time for  
the publication of the first volume

S/d W. S.

27.6.01







No minutes should be written on this page. A separate half sheet to  
used if required.

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Colonial Secretary's office  
Singapore 16<sup>th</sup> August 1901

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ult. I am directed to forward the enclosed copies of the approved prospectus of the Agriculture Bulletin, and to inform you that this Government has agreed to make a definite grant of \$2000.00 independent of any profit on the sale of the publication, which is to be devoted to the purpose of generally improving the Bulletin.

Sd. A. W. Sullivan

for asst. Secy.

To.

Atty. Genl.

Asst. R. General

2. 10. 01



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5. Subscriptions payable in advance will be at the rate of \$3.00 per annum, or fifty cents for a single copy, and will be received by the Superintendent of the Government Printing Office, Singapore, to whom all orders should be sent. Subscriptions will commence from the 1st of October next, the date on which the first number will be issued.

W. FOX,  
*Acting Director, Botanic Gardens.*

*Singapore, 1st August, 1901.*



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MALAY PENINSULA

Dear Mr. Ridley,

You are I think,  
I know that Mr. Stanley  
Gordon has recently been  
appointed to the post of  
superintendent of gardens in the  
F.M.S. & to do what is  
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to collecting and disseminating  
information and planting  
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of the results of experiments,  
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& publications, <sup>etc</sup> and  
be collected together &

preserved. Can we make  
use of your "bulletin" for  
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to "collectors" of information  
& correspondence in the  
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advise us to start a  
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If the former would you  
communicate with the





RESIDENT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
SELANGOR, MALAY PENINSULA.

No. R.G.74/1901.

8 JANUARY, 1901. 190

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Resident-General,  
F.M.S.

H. N. RIDLEY ESQ.,  
F. L. S.,  
DIRECTOR, BOTANIC GARDENS & FORESTS,  
SINGAPORE.



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(14/11/33)





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SELANGOR, MALAY PENINSULA.

*No* MISC:1139/1901.

14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 1901. 190

Dear Sir,

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The programme referred to in (i) of the reply is that you were good enough to suggest in your letter of January last, a copy of which was forwarded to the Chairman.

2. I shall be greatly obliged if you will now let me know, at your early convenience, what more remains to be done to give practical effect to the evident desire for the monthly publication of an enlarged Agricultural bulletin for the Colony and the Federated Malay States. I think some immediate action is necessary since otherwise the present feeling may drop and fade away.

3. Mr Wray (Perak) has promised to give any assistance in his power and Mr Derry and Mr Arden will I am sure, be glad to help.

Yours very truly,

Acting Resident-General,  
F.M.S.

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Ag: Resident-General, F.M.S.

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Copy.

The West Country,

Kajang, Selangor,

March 1st, 1901.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the correspondence which has passed between yourself and the Chairman of the Association on the subject of the proposed Agricultural Bulletin, together with copies of letters from Mr Ridley was laid before the Meeting of the Association on the 25th February.

The question of the practicability of starting such a Bulletin was fully discussed, and it was eventually decided that the Association should adopt the Scheme laid out in Mr Ridley's letter of January, and forwarded to the Chairman in your letter of the 26th January, Misc:523/1901. In direct reply to par: 4 subsections i - v of your letter of the 8th January R.G.74/1901, I am directed to forward you the decisions arrived at, at the Meeting referred to. The Association considered that:-

- i. The subjects to be included in the Bulletin were all embraced in the programme set out by Mr Ridley.
- ii. The period of Publication should be at least monthly, more frequent periods of publication being left to Mr Ridley's wider experience.
- iii. The terms of subscription should not exceed \$1 p.m. but if possible 50 cts.

The Hon: Sec: has been requested to collect names of intending subscribers and it was intended that the Association should collect these subscriptions and forward them to Mr Ridley or the Publisher as seemed most fitting.

- iv. The copy and information could be sent to

Mr Ridley



(2).

Mr Ridley direct, but that naturally the Chairman and Hon: Sec: would assist in collecting notes of interest, which might occur to them, or be brought to their notice by Members.

v. The Association considering the programme referred to being so comprehensive, it has nothing further to add.

In conclusion I may express the general feeling that such a Bulletin will prove most useful, though it was felt that at all events for the initial stages it would not be possible to obtain very scientific or technical articles from the Planting Community, still much valuable information will I trust be contributed.

I have, etc.,

Sgd/: M.SIDNEY PARRY,

Hon:Sec:, United Planters  
Association, F. M. S.

The Resident-General,

Kuala Lumpur.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

Gardens and Forest Department,

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

March 16, 1899.

Dear Sir

Referring to your letter Misc 1139/1900, I  
hereby acknowledge the receipt of the copy  
of the letter to the Chairman of the Planter  
Association & Mr Parry, and quite agree  
that immediate action should be taken  
to prevent the feeling of the planters as to  
this proposal from fading away. I much  
regret in this connection that I am leaving  
immediately for leave, one year, & thus  
am debarred from much assistance that I might  
be able to give in the commencement.

The first step is to secure an Editor during my absence  
if it is desired that I should on my return edit the  
paper. I should think either Mr Hrayor or Mr Arden  
could do this. Then a publisher is required. The  
Collection could I think be printed at Kuala Lumpur  
best, or Taiping. It would be advisable to  
collect a stock of material for enough for  
two or three months at least before commencing  
to print, so as to give time for more material  
to come in till the work was fairly started.  
When I think we shall be able to keep it



From whom

Place

Date

25. 7. 01

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Director of Gardens

Let me see draft of Prospectus when you have drawn it up.

Sd. C. W. K. 29. 7.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Herewith the amended Prospectus.

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The Prospectus may now be printed &amp; copies sent to R. G. It should appear in the Gazette &amp; local papers.

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I incline to think the Editor of the Bulletin should be responsible for its financials

Sd. Col. 178/01  
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For your views.  
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I think the grant of \$300.00 for improving the Bulletin should go to the Gardens, not under "Other charges".

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Hon. Sec. Sec.  
Noted  
Sd. W. S. 208/01  
Sd. Col. 208/01  
Treasurer  
Aud. Gen.

I understand that the Subscription proceeds (not necessary profits) of Sale are not to be paid in as Revenue but devoted to the improvement of the Bulletin. They should not therefore be included in the S. P. O. or in the Collector's Statement but kept quite apart from Govt. revenue.

(2) I would suggest that a separate account be opened by the Director of the Gardens, not one of the Public Works, in the name of his office called "Agricultural Bureau of Subscriptions, proceeds accounts & a statement of receipts & sales of Copies & auditors realized payments being furnished to Govt. for advertisements should pass thro' 30th June to December, each year, the Printing Office Revenue account in the same way that the Gazette Subscriptions are done."

What I understand is that the proceeds of sale of copies including subscriptions are to be devoted to the expenses of editing the Bulletin. Should these prove more than sufficient, the credit-balance together with the Govt. grant of \$300 will be devoted to improving the Bulletin. Should the proceeds prove insufficient to pay working expenses of publication the deficit will be made good from the Govt. grant & the balance (if any) will be devoted to improving the Bulletin.

The above arrangements will not, however, make any difference in your proposals as to the method of paying in the money & keeping the account.  
Sd. A. W. S. 208/01

To note  
Sd. W. S. 208/01



large enough an account  
can be opened in the name  
of the Director

unofficially  
S/d a.w.s. 16.9.01

Ld - J.P.  
7-9-01

I agree  
S/d C.W.L.K. 16.9.

Director of Gardens  
Please act accordingly  
S/d. R. W. S.  
9-9-

Auditor General  
Have you any objections to  
doing this unofficially in the  
interests of the publication  
S/d. a.w.s. 17.9.01

Hon. Col. Secy  
noted  
S/d. W. Fox  
10-9-01

C.S.  
I will gladly do this if the  
books are sent to me annually  
S/d W.E. 18.9.01

S.P.O.  
Aud. Gen.  
To note  
S/d W.S. J. 18.9.

Director of Gardens  
To  
note  
S/d a.w.s. 19.9

C.S.  
To be  
S/d C.S.P. 10.9.01  
C.S.  
Noted

Hon. Col. Secy.  
Noted  
S/d W. Fox 20-9-01

I do not propose to  
audit this account. It should  
be examined and certified by  
some competent person annually  
like the accounts of the Poshing  
Committee.

S/d W.E. 12.9.01  
I think the Auditor General  
would be a most competent  
person. He need not examine  
the accounts as Auditor General  
but he might be asked to do so



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used if required.

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RESIDENT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

SELANGOR, MALAY PENINSULA,

8th August, 1901.

Misc. 3490/01.

SIR,

Referring to previous correspondence and to draft Prospectus of the "Straits and Federated Malay States Agricultural Bulletin," of which copy was enclosed in my letter of 19th June, 1901, I beg your special attention to paragraph 5 of the Prospectus, in which Mr. Fox alludes to the very great importance, to ensure the success of the "Bulletin," of organising a band of contributors, and I would venture to request you, as Chairman of the United Planters' Association, to do all that is in your power to induce planters and others to contribute, and to collect material which you would, in due course, forward to the Editor at Singapore, and to encourage men to subscribe to the periodical.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. TREACHER,

*Acting Resident-General, F.M.S.*

TO THE CHAIRMAN,

UNITED PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION,

KLANG.



*States 9973*  
*1901*

From whom

*H. G. L. S.*

Place

Date

*16 - 10 - 01*

*Collection of Consular Reports from the Foreign Office.*

*As to request of United Planters Assoc.  
 that this may be added to the scope of the  
 Agricultural Bulletin.*

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

*Ag. Director of Gardens  
 For your remarks.  
 8th 10.5*

*Hon. Sec.*

*It is too late now to insert the item in the Prospectus, as the latter has been published & distributed. It need not, however, be lost sight of; indeed I think if Govt. would obtain some of these Consular Reports they would be exceedingly valuable for making extracts for the Bulletin. I have the "Consular Report on the State of Amazonas" before me & it contains most valuable matter regarding the growth, cultivation, & tapping of Para Rubber.*

*This was lent me by Mr Bailey of Selangor & course many of the Consular Reports would not be of much advantage, but a selection such as the one mentioned & all those from tropical countries for instance the Netherlands Indies - The German Colonies etc would be of great value, as regards keeping us informed of what is going on in agricultural matters.*



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used if required.

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It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. 1253/02.

BRITISH RESIDENCE  
SELANGOR 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1902

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated February 20<sup>th</sup> 1902, enclosing a bill for £300, being the amount of annual contribution of the Government of the Federated Malay States to the Agricultural Bulletin, I have the honour to inform you that the bill should have been sent to the Secretary to Resident-General, but that to save correspondence I have referred the matter to Accountant & Auditor, Federated Malay States who report that a cheque has been sent in payment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

*Pro Accountant*  
for  
British Resident,  
*cadu*

Selangor.

The Editor,

Agriculture Bulletin,

SINGAPORE.



Botanic Gardens

Singapore

20<sup>th</sup> Feb 1902.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith  
a bill in duplicate for £300 - being the amount  
of annual Contribution of the Government of  
the Federated Malay States to the Agricultural  
Bulletin.

I may add that this sum together  
with a similar Contribution from the Colonial  
Government is placed on deposit in the Chartered  
Bank here to an account called The Agricultural  
Bulletin account, which account is  
drawn on by the Editor to defray expenses in  
connection with the publication.

I have to  
Sd Walter Fox  
Ag. Editor

The Hon

The British Resident-  
Singapore